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Applicant: KENJI HORII ET AL.  
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Title: METHOD OF BONDING METAL PLATES, APPARATUS  
THEREFOR AND HOT STRIP MILL

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office Action dated August 27, 2002, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND Claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A method of bonding metal plates comprising steps

β) of:

applying a first and second shearing blades of specific shape onto  
respective both sides of overlapped metal plates and then, while shearing the  
metal plates by moving the first and second shearing blades so as to sandwich  
the overlapped portion; and

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